

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 24-48 are allowed. Applicant submits the above amendments after allowance in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.312. Specifically, claim 24 is amended to change the word “amplifying” back to “boosting” as it was stated previously. No new matter is added by way of this amendment to claim 24, as support can be found in the claims.

The change in the phrase “amplifying” to “boosting” in claim 24 does not have any impact on the patentability of the claims over U.S. Patent No. 4,342,906 (“Hyatt”), as cited in the Office Action dated 2/25/09. Specifically, the claimed invention still requires a drive signal generation unit that generates a low level differential waveform that is then *amplified to a high voltage level*. That is, the claimed invention still requires the amplification of voltage to drive the liquid filled lens. In contrast to the claimed invention, Hyatt relates to an illumination control system comprising an illumination amplifier such as a liquid crystal device that allows controlling, and especially amplifying, an illumination emitted by an illumination source. *See* Hyatt, Abstract, and system for amplification of light as shown in Figure 1 and described in col. 5, ll. 23-68, and col. 6, ll. 1-21. Thus, Applicant asserts that Hyatt is completely unrelated to the claimed invention, and reasserts all the arguments specified in the response to the Action mailed 2/25/09 with respect to amended claim 24.

Applicant believes this amendment does not raise any new issues and does not require any substantive consideration. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of this amendment without withdrawal of the application from allowance.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number [17187/025001]).

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